

**Background Information for Kris Dighe – Appointment as Chair of the
Environment Commission**

Kris Dighe resides on Carr Avenue in Rockville and has been a member of the Environment Commission since August 2005. On July 13, 2009 the Mayor and Council voted to reappoint Kris for a new three-year term until July 1, 2012. He currently serves as the co-chair of the Watershed Protection Committee. Kris is the unanimous selection of his fellow Commissioners to be the next Commission chair.

Since February 2004, Kris has been employed as the *Assistant Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section* of the U.S. Department of Justice where he supervises criminal investigations and prosecutions across the country. He was previously an assistant U.S. Attorney in Michigan where he personally prosecuted white collar and environmental crimes. Kris is the co-chair of the Environmental Enforcement and Crimes Committee of the American Bar Association. He has a law degree from Wayne State University in Michigan, a masters degree in Interpersonal and Public Communications from Central Michigan University and a bachelors degree in speech communications from Butler University in Indiana.

If appointed chair, Kris' goals for the Commission are to:

- Be more connected to the community
- Ensure our outcomes and products are always ones the City can be proud of.
- Pursue closer working relationships with other Boards and Commissions with overlapping interests
- Draw interest from parts of the community that have not been highly involved historically
- Enlarge the number of volunteers serving on Commission committees